

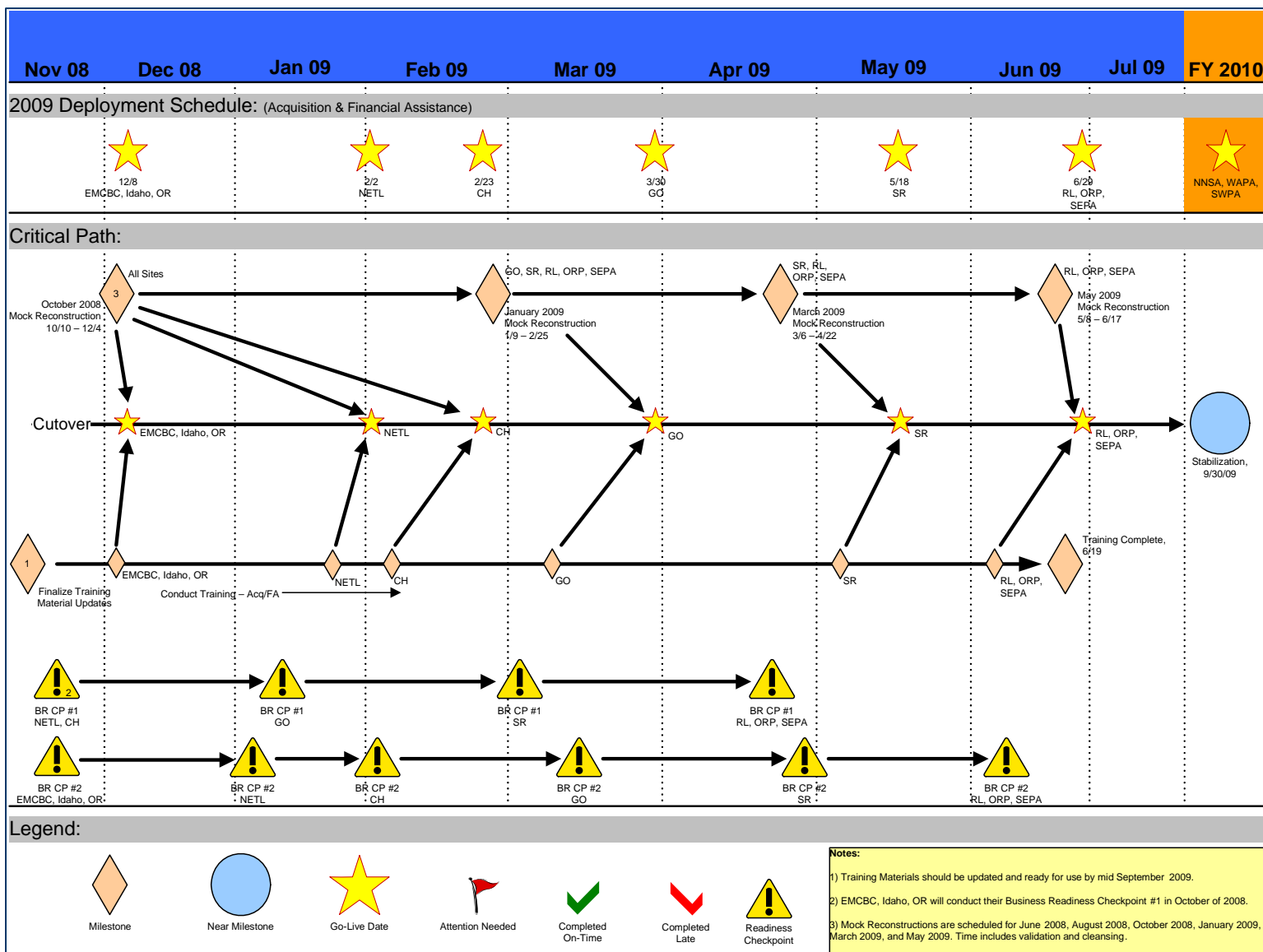
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STRIPES FY 2009 Deployment Schedule

STRIPES will continue to be deployed across the Department in FY 2009. The chart below depicts the current schedule along with the critical path tasks that need to be completed for a successful deployment. Training, contract reconstruction and business readiness reviews are vital for deployment success.



The reconstruction of contracts and validation of the results is critically important. That is why the STRIPES team is providing sites the opportunity to perform multiple mock reconstructions. The article below discusses mock reconstructions in more detail.

Classroom training is planned on a just-in-time basis for users expecting to use the acquisition and financial assistance modules; generally this training is restricted contracting officers and contract specialists. Requisitioners have access to computer based training via DOE's OLC2 at <https://olc2.energy.gov>. This training can be taken at anytime and as many times as desired.

We have also scheduled several business readiness checkpoints with each site to make sure all deployment tasks are completed on schedule. Some of the tasks reviewed include site users and roles have been identified, users that have signed up for a STRIPES account via the MIS system, reconstruction validation is proceeding satisfactorily, training has been conducted, etc. When the site management team and the STRIPES project team determine all required tasks have completed, site cutover occurs and the site is deployed on STRIPES.

STRIPES Mock Reconstruction Activity Yielding Results

August is the heart of the 4th quarter busy season in preparation for fiscal year end. In addition to the regular responsibilities of the acquisition community, many are participating in the mock reconstructions to prepare for upcoming STRIPES deployments. According to the latest mock reconstruction results, data quality continues to be on the rise. The majority of Sites now have a 70-90% success rate of their records being reconstructed in STRIPES.

Mock reconstruction occurs approximately every other month to help Sites validate and correct data within their existing awards. Part of this activity includes the contracting officers and contract specialists identifying any discrepancies between their reconstructed awards and historic data. If any discrepancies are found, the document owners work diligently to fix any source data errors from PADS, FPDS-NG, and STARS. Data loaded from STARS may also be reviewed and adjusted if necessary during the mock reconstruction process. Any discrepancies that require adjustments should be coordinated between procurement and finance/budget so both STRIPES and STARS contain the correct data.

Please continue to take advantage of these mock reconstructions, as they have yielded great progress. Reconstruction establishes an existing award in STRIPES for the purpose of making ongoing modifications or amendments in the system. The actual reconstruction will occur prior to each Site's deployment date.

In the midst of meeting deadlines and the year end rush, keep in mind that the new data we produce today still needs to be accurate for future reconstruction activity to foster a smoother transition to STRIPES.

If you have questions regarding mock reconstruction activity at your Site, please contact either your SPOC or Wesley Forte at Wesley.Forte@us.ibm.com. For more information on the STRIPES mock reconstruction steps please visit our website at: <http://www.cfo.doe.gov/corpsyst/i-manage/STRIPESgettingStarted.htm>.

STRIPES QUICK FACTS

- ✓ STRIPES now has over 1,500 users
- ✓ \$5.5 Billion have been obligated in STRIPES*
- ✓ 1714 total awards**, including,
- ✓ 599 award modifications***



Note: STRIPES data extracted on Wed., 8/20/2008

**For base awards and modifications*

***Includes both reconstructed and new awards*

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